

3708 35th. Street N.W.  
Washington 16, D.C.  
May 3, 1951

Dear Mr. Scully,

Well, you asked for it and here it is, believe what you may. This is a photograph of seven or eight saucers caught flying over Washington D.C. last January.<sup>1951</sup> I am sure they are not "Skyhook" balloons, just what they are I am not too sure. THEY ARE NOT HOAXES!!! Unfortunately, a shot was taken of someone's back porch and a double exposure resulted when the silvery saucers were sighted, the camera arced up, and the picture was taken. I assure you, nothing on that porch, not even the lighting cord that you can see hanging down is responsible for the images of the bright circles. If you have any spare time, and I am pretty sure you probably don't, try and calculate how fast the objects would have to be going to make such a long streak in 1/50 of a second saying our saucers were 36 feet in diameter. Result? 2000 to 10,000 MPH. If you have any explanation as to the clear one that turned out, please notify me. Don't release them if you think they might be something unless you think it would be wise. I didn't because I knew for sure it would be..." Ho ho, all those are are balloons"... or ... "Trying t' put one over on us eh?". As I am pretty sure you won't think much of them I had thought of throwing the negative away, but if you think they might be something, I can get more prints. On my dresser, in a wishful manner, I have an 8 by 10 enlargement. I sure hope that you think that they are not- "Misinterpretation of

conventional objects, a mild form of mass hysteria, or hoaxes" to quote the air force. By the way, if you answer, do you believe all this guff about skyhook balloons? Not me.

Sincerely yours,

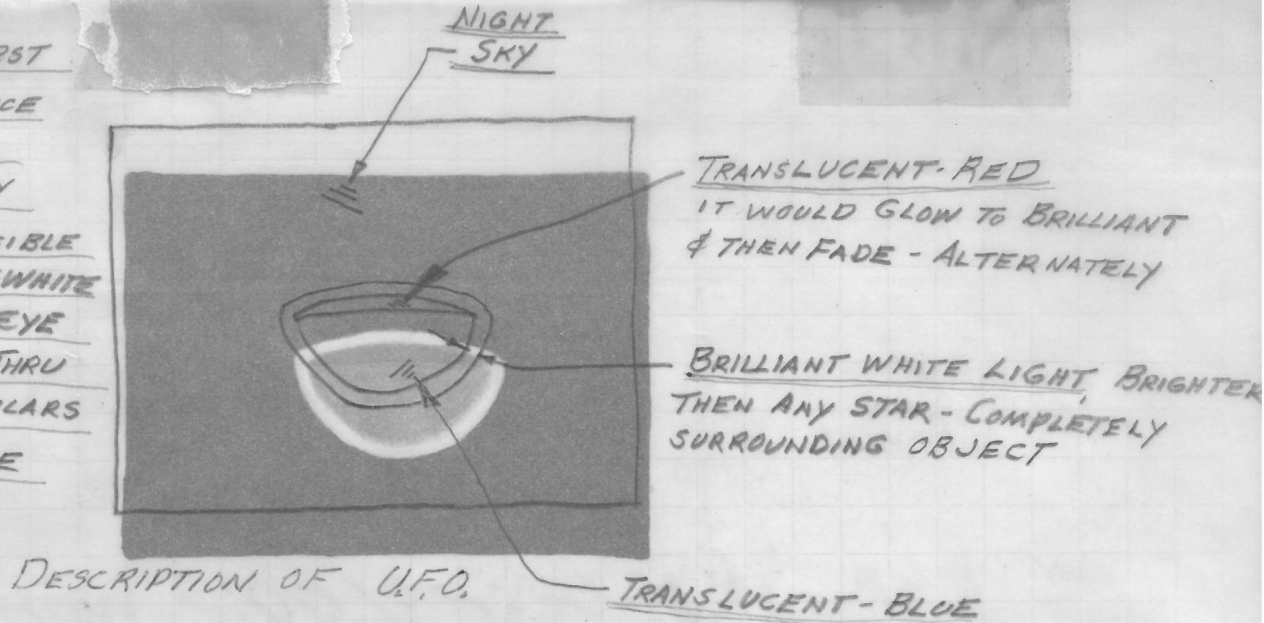
A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Olson".

ROBERT OLSON

P.S. The negative got torn before I had the prints made, but the scotch tape doesn't hide anything.

Handwritten initials "R.O." in a simple, stylized script.

OBJECT WHEN FIRST  
SIGHTED, LOOKED TWICE  
AS BRILLIANT AS THE  
BRIGHTEST STAR. ONLY  
THE RED COLOR WAS VISIBLE  
INSIDE THE BRILLIANT WHITE  
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BUT WHEN VIEWED THRU  
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AS SHOWN.



U.F.O.

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BEACH, CALIF., WITNESSED BY  
MR. & MRS. Earl C. Reed

Roger Boutell  
2141 Ridge Lane  
Santa Barbara, California

September 2d. 1950.

Mr. Frank Scully,  
care Henry Holt and Co., Inc.,  
257 Fourth Avenue,  
New York, 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Scully,

I have been reading your book "Behind The Flying Saucers" with interest, as on March 17th. 1950, about 10 P.M. my husband and I saw two disks playing tag with each other over the Santa Barbara Channel at incredible speed. We stopped our car and looked at them for over five minutes. Two other reputable people of our acquaintance also saw them. But how can I take your statements seriously when in the last paragraph page 109 you state that the planet "Pluto is the nearest to the sun, and the others move outward in the following order: -Neptune, Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Earth, Venus, and Mercury"? Such inaccuracy makes everything else in the book suspect.

Sincerely yours

*Avis B. Boutell*  
Mrs. Roger Boutell.

*Ted:  
She's right. This is  
corrected in those galley's  
I sent! FS*



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636 East 20th, street,  
Oakland, California.  
October 23 1950

Mr. Frank Scully,  
c/o Holt & Co.,  
New York

Dear Mr. Scully;

Your book "The Flying Saucers" is a courageous attempt to enlighten the public, I am sure, and I am at present reading your book.

Last January I came across the article in "Truth" which you mention in your book. After reading this article I was amazed at the reference therein to objects other than flying saucers, which brought to my mind a day in early spring or summer of 1908 or 1909. We were living in Poland near the city of Posen (Poznan in Polish) where my parents were engaged in farming. This particular Sunday afternoon myself parents and smaller brother and sisters on the way home to our farm after visiting our uncle nearby; we noticed a brownish cigar like object flying at terrific speed in a northeasterly direction at about what I have later estimated about 2000ft altitude. This object also made a high pitch sound more of a humming kind, not very loud, the sound disappeared as the object faded away in the sky to one side of us. My father who has passed away since then said that it was most probably one of those new kind of flying machines the German army had invented. We took this for a reasonable explanation and I forgot all about it until reading the article in Truth last January. This object had no wings and it flew in a horizontal manner. I was only about 8 or 9 years old at the time and we shortly after came to Canada in 1910. I have often since last January had it in mind to write my mother who still lives in Germany and is over 70 years old now, to ask her if she still remembers this incident. The older sister who was with us that day, and it was in broad daylight, is also passed away since then. None of us ever thought this very unusual and never spoke of it again since. But who knows we may have been looking at a space ship at that time in 1908?

I am enjoying reading of your book, and have already read the review in Pageant Magazine, without any great amount of surprise or amazement. I am quite sure that I believe what I saw and do not altogether agree with so many of your critics who have reviewed your book. Best wishes to you.

sincerely

*Frank Griesel*

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HARTFORD, CONN. Nov. 17-50

Re: Saucers

Mr. Frank Scully,  
% Henry Holt & Co. Inc.,  
257 4th Ave.,  
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Scully:

May I enter the act and help you out a bit?  
The following statements are dead accurate. My source of information is authentic to the best of my belief.

The Saucers came from Jupiter by means of ships capable of coursing the magnitudes. I, as well as others, have seen ships of that type powered by jet flames. The Saucers are magnetically controlled as you well know, and as you must realize they can only operate within the fields of gravity the currents of which supply them with all essential power for light, heat and motion. By all means read the book "A Dweller on two Planets by Phyllos--Posied Publishing Co., 219 East 4th St, Los Angeles, Calif. In this book you will read about Atlantian air ships as they ~~WAXA~~ had them more than 12,000 years ago. They too, were magnet ships. What you will see there you can also see over here for its all on paper and will be brought out in due time.

In order to convince you that I know what I am writing about I will sketch three parts of the Saucers which your friend Mr. "Gee" will recognize providing he has seen all of the Saucers parts. If you and your two friends Mr. Newton and Mr. "Gee" were over here I would gladly take you to a place where the papers are cached and show you the entire works and also explain the physics which are the physics of Cosmogony and known to only a few persons on this planet.

For the time being this information is TOP secret to yourself and two friends. The Enemy would kill our groupe if they knew about these matters, Please be careful.

In due time we will give you substance for another book. Yours with best wishes

We Make Arms For

O.L. Dilworth

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November 29  
1950

Dear Mr. Dilworth:-

While holding your letter until I can contact Dr. Gee I am taking the liberty <sup>to make you</sup> for the information contained in your letter of Nov. 17.

I am sorry I didn't hear from you while I was in New York, or while Si Newton was in Boston, or we could have visited Hartford and have you taken us to the place where those papers are cached.

Meanwhile keep your fingers crossed and your magnetic lines of force uncrossed.

Faithfully yours,

FRANK SCULLY



170 Amsterdam Ave.  
New York 23, N. Y.  
January 4, 1951.

Dear Mr. Scully:

My husband and I had the pleasure of reading your very fascinating and interesting book "Behind The Flying Saucers," and I thought I tell you the experience he had.

We are both German-born. After we had finished reading your book and had discussed it in all detail, my husband kept on thinking about its contents and how wonderful it would be if he could ever meet somebody who had actually seen a flying saucer. When resting on his couch a while, he then suddenly had a vision strangely flashing back into his mind a memory, which obviously had been lying dormant in his subconscious for so many years. My husband told me that, for a moment, he actually re-lived the experience he had when a boy of twelve.

It was way back in Germany -- forty years ago -- in a small town, when he was out in the open with a small group of adults, watching a strange object high up in the sky. Nobody knew what it was; it was gliding along quietly and smoothly with its silvery outline glistening in the sun. My husband remembers now that its shape was like a disk; it hovered in the sky for about five minutes and then disappeared behind the snowy white cloud formations, it being a very bright day. Since they had only balloons and inferior aircraft at that time, people did not inquire even any further into the matter, but just discarded it as an optical illusion. There simply was no other explanation. However, with the strong intuition of youth, my husband, at that time already, had a feeling that there was more behind it. Now we know they are real.

I wish that some time in the future I may have the opportunity to work as stenographer and typist, or something, for some magnetic scientist or research organization, as I consider this line very fascinating, and I am sure that magnetic research will come more and more in the foreground.

I wish to express herewith our deep appreciation and sincere thanks for having had the privilege of reading your outstanding book.

Respectfully and gratefully yours,

*Vera Jupiter*  
(Mrs. M. P. Jupiter)



April 4  
1951

Dear Emily:-

Please excuse the delay in answering you but I've been down with the flu. As soon as I can get out I'll go down to Pickwick and pick you up a copy of BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS and autograph it.

I hope you've had a talk with the two men who followed Mr. McCain and saw the flying saucer chase his car.

I may do a diary of a saucerian and his seems to be among the most fascinating of stories I have come across since publication day.

I'm afraid all these stories make syndicate editors grow hot and cold, on the comic strip but if Hy gets as far as New York I wish he would look up Henry

Sneevily at Bell Syndicate and find out what goes. Of course if I get a direct word I will let you know immediately.

I suppose the weather down there right now is heavenly. Around here it's awful.

With affectionate greetings,

# First Methodist Church

MAQUOKETA, IOWA

MILTON NOTHDURFT, MINISTER  
310 W. MAPLE STREET  
PHONE 301

May 21, 1951

Mr. Frank Scully  
2071 Grace Avenue  
Hollywood 28, Calif.

Dear Friend Scully:

You requested me to report any saucer sightings to your private, civilian Project Saucer. I am reporting two that were seen by very responsible people near Maquoketa last Saturday night.

Saturday, May 19th at 10:20 p.m. the sky around Maquoketa, Iowa was mostly overcast with low-hanging clouds. Gaylen Miguet, chief operator at the State police radio station nearby, was off-duty, travelling in his car with his family in a northward direction, toward home, when they saw a moving light quite far to the west (west-northwest). The light was white, and much brighter than a planet, not blinking. By the time they got to town (five miles) it was dim, possibly because of the clouds.

He called the man at the state police tower (northwest of town five miles) to see if it was visible from there. Jim Wheeler was on duty. He is a member of my church, very reliable, has been an amateur radio operator for many years. He rushed out immediately, and returned to report that it was clearly visible in the west-northwest, and was at that time very bright. He returned to watch it, and reports that it just hovered there for some time, but reports it as a dull red or orange hue.

As he watched, another light came from the north, slightly lower than the first. It was white. As it neared the orange one, it came up rather suddenly to the height of the other one, and both of them just disappeared -- not below the horizon, they just disappeared!

COMMENT -- Notice that when Miguet saw it moving it was white. The man at the tower reported it in the same direction, but when it was hovering it was of a duller color. The second one was white as it approached the other. It appeared as though they had a rendezvous for meeting, for as soon as they met (after the first had waited a few moments for the second), they both disappeared.

We conjectured the place might be Waterloo, a large city which would be plainly visible from quite high at night. They have been seen several different times and by many people around Waterloo, while we lived there. However, the low-hanging clouds might mean that they were much closer to Maquoketa. Distance and height were impossible to judge.

Very sincerely yours,

Milton Nothdurft

May 31, 1951

*Sightings all important* ✓  
May 19th, 10:20-10:45 p.m.--Saucer seen west-northwest of Maquoketa, dropping toward the horizon. Color white. Chief operator at state police radio, off duty, had seen it. Called man who was on duty at the time, Jim Wheeler. He saw it plainly. It hovered, but seemed to him to be an orange or dull red. As he watched, a second one, very white, came from the north, slightly lower, and on nearing the first, came up to its altitude. Both disappeared soon afterward.

May 20th, evening--Sweeter, on duty at state police radio, saw a moving light, west-northwest, but having been a recent newcomer among saucer "enthusiasts" hesitated to say anything more.

May 22nd, daylight--high school students reported seeing a saucer "take off" in a blinding flash of speed, near Coggan, Iowa (north of Cedar Rapids, west-northwest of Maquoketa).

A letter brought Bill Roberts of WMT, Cedar Rapids news bureau on a 60-mile drive on the 23rd, to investigate our sightings. He has watched the stories since 1947. He mentioned that the mysterious phenomena had been seen by quite a few people on a lake near International Falls, and that a pilot in Kansas had also reported one (strange, moving light)--after several months of silence on the news wires (he watches releases from three major news services).

May 31st, 2:00 or 2:30 a.m.--Galesburg, Ill. city police (south of here) heard on short wave talking to Monmouth, Ill. city police about a strange moving light moving toward the northwest (they were trying to get the others to see if it was observable from there, but evidently it was not).

*I have much I have not sent before.*

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325 So. 20th St  
Terre Haute, Indiana  
October 16, 1951

Mrs. Virginian Meehan  
Bldg 10, Apt. 7  
Army Air Base  
Syracuse 8, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Meehan:

Reference your letter of recent date the following factual information is quoted for your information.

The object reported was sighted on October 9, 1951 at 1:42 P.M. CST at Hulman Field, Terre Haute, Indiana. The object when first sighted was approached the station from the northwest and first sighted at an angle of 45 to 60 degrees. It traveled a perfectly straight course disappearing over the southeast horizon. It appeared perfectly round and brilliant reflecting the sun rays, color white or very light. From the time the object was overhead until it disappeared over the horizon was only 15 seconds. I was unable to determine altitude or size however it must have been very large to still be visible when it disappeared over the horizon regardless of altitude. At surface of the earth the visible distance is approximately 12 miles, at 1000 feet 45 miles, at 5000 feet 100 miles and at 15000 feet 175 miles, therefor traveling the distances indicated in 15 seconds, at surface, which is improbable the ~~xxxx~~ speed was 2880 MPH, at 5000 feet 24000 MPH and at 15000 feet 42000 MPH.

Due to the tremendous speed it is highly improbable that this was a "Moby Dick" weather balloon which the air force has indicated. 3

As a precautionary measure please do not report any unusual flying objects unless you desire to be a subject of ridicule.

Yours very truly,

Roy L. Messmore.

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November 12, 1951.

Mr. Frank Scully  
2071 Grace Ave.  
Hollywood, Calif.

Dear Mr. Scully:

I received the two letters which Mrs. Scully sent to me several days ago. I did not have time to answer them at once due to making some tests for an electronic instrument shield.....electro-depositing copper and silver onto flexible vinylite plastic. After I got my samples finished, I dug into the letters you sent. I can see what you mean by having difficulty in answering all of your correspondence. Why not get a few of these electronic brains we hear about in the paper. Magnetism is a great thing.

The letters you sent me, and my answer to them, I am routing indirectly through you. If you think my letter is alright, you can send it on, if not, don't.

Both Mrs. George, and myself, enjoyed meeting you and Mrs. Scully, and your family. The meeting was very interesting. In fact, every person I mentioned it to said: "I wish I could have been there, too" I told a friend C. Van Schaack about the meeting. He is a very capable laboratory (clinical) man, having his laboratory in Hollywood for about 25 years. He was fascinated. I mentioned that you told me someone capable should organize and keep records of meetings of this kind. He was surprised that all of the detail of each meeting was not kept for future reference. He said he was an authority on parliamentary procedure, and that if he



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ever rated attending the meetings that he would see that records made, and data discussed, recorded by him in 'briefs' along with a record kept of all attending, etc.

A nephew and niece saw the 'meteors' talked about in the papers while driving home from here. They live on the edge of Phoenix at Sunny Slope, mailing address Cactus, Ariz. Name Mrs Robert Brewer. They said they only heard in the papers about the Saucer that was found near there. Robert Brewer, her husband, is very interested in 'Saucers' He read your book while visiting us. I told him I was going to get another and see if I could get you to autograph it for him.

When I told my nephew and niece about the meeting, they were all attention. Robert said he and his wife saw a 'flying dumbell' one evening and they discussed it with neighbours who also had seen it, but, he said: "They would think we were crazy if we told them what we saw." He said he reported one incident that he saw and thought he would either hear about it on the radio, or see it in the paper, but, he said, there was no mention of it. I asked 'Dot' his wife, how large the dumbell was in size? She said about 25 feet at each end, and the center was like a straight rod holding each ball to the other.

I am inclosing that part of her letter to us where she speaks about what she saw. I thought you might like to have it as a record of an eye-witness.

P.S. I see the letters were 'copies' so I will keep them unless you want them.

Yours very sincerely,

*Wilbur George*



November 23, 1951

Thad W. Culmer II.  
Post Office Box 99  
Robinson, Illinois

Mr. Frank Scully  
c/o Henry Holt & Company, Inc.  
257 Fourth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

My Dear Mr. Scully:

Last Christmas I had your book BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS given to me as a gift. I read it over and over again and can't remember when I've had as much pleasure from reading a book as I have from yours. It is certainly most interesting, thought provoking, and well written.

Since the time your book came out, more strange celestial objects have been observed in the skies over this great land of ours and just as often as sightings have been reported our armed forces and/or the Pentagon are quick with the well worn quip "Taint so. There isn't any such animal." Now, Mr. Scully, not all of those people who have made reports have been drinking the wrong brand of stuff. Some of them may be total abstainers. Nor were all of them victims of retinal retention or hallucinations. Some of those people, I steadfastly maintain, did actually see something. Only this morning our Terre Haute, Indiana Star carried a picture of one photographed over the mountains in California. You may have seen it.

Recently I wrote to TRUE magazine concerning their "flying saucer" project. As per your book, this matter must still be a sore spot with them. They have chosen to remain silent and say nothing. My letter to them was no doubt duly deposited in their waste paper depository.

A few weeks ago a young couple in Chicago had processed some films they had taken while they were vacationing in Wyoming. They had photographed a rather bleak Wyoming landscape. At the time they snapped the particular film I'm talking about they saw nothing unusual in the sky and they did not hear any motor or engine of any type. The object which appeared on their photograph was shaped like a top. It had a long tube in the center flanked by wings shaped like my rough sketch which I am attaching hereto. A reproduction of their photograph appeared in the Chicago Herald-American. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Greenwood, 6337 South Throop Street, Chicago, Illinois were the photographers of the object. I wrote to them concerning the phenomenon. A guided missiles expert has told them that it was not a guided missile. He was, however, very willing to tell them what the object was not. It was the Greenwood's opinion that the expert who was a general just didn't know what the thing was they had photographed. The strange thing about this phenomenon, Mr. Scully, is that the thing was invisible to the naked eye yet was capable of being captured on photographic film. In this incident, however, the general didn't proclaim that there was no such animal.



Property of Robert Olson

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March 28, 1952

Joseph W. Wecker, 2515 Lehigh Lane  
Saint Louis Co. 14, Missouri

Personal Letter to Frank.

He has worked in aviation for the past 30 years and has personally seen the so-called flying saucers, both in bright daylight and at night. During my career in aviation I have seen many aircraft of strange design but we do not have such an aircraft as I saw several years ago.

He wants a picture of you, Frank, for his collection of aviation notables.

Mr. Frank Scully:

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I have read over and over again the story of Capt. Thomas F. Mantell who died and his plane was destroyed while he was chasing a strange object in the sky. Mantell's experience would have told him that he wasn't after a rainbow or the planet, Venus. This happening has never been fully explained; has it?

This "fire ball" affair our west which has been currently featured in the papers is rather interesting. The air force in an article I read in the New York Times says the fire balls are caused by jet planes. This opinion, however, is not in accord with the ideas and thoughts of on-the-spot first hand observers. Also, it is the concensus of opinion that the phenomena is not of meteoric origin.

Are you carrying on any further "flying saucer" research?

I have followed this matter from the first time it his the press. It certainly does stimulate the thought and imagination; doesn't it?

Mr. Scully, I would most sincerely appreciate hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thad W. Culmer II". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Thad W. Culmer II.

~~A~~  
443--28th St.  
Oakland, Cal.  
27 Nov. '51

Dear Mr. Scully---

I want to report to you a peculiar phenomenon seen by myself and my husband, Dr. Hewitt, last Saturday Nov. 24th, '51, as we were driving along the coast road beyond Santa Barbara. We saw it about five fifteen when the sky was still very clear and light.

The object was shaped like a ball and extremely brilliant. I took it at first for the planet Venus and was about to say to my husband that I had never seen Venus so bright and flaming; it appeared to be quite stationary. I then noticed that it had "whiskers" or smoke at the lower edge and before I could speak it was in rapid motion, with a long level tail of fire trailing behind it. It could not have been a meteor for it did not fall but kept on a level course toward the north, for about four minutes, when it disappeared into mist. Both my husband and myself saw it very clearly as it stood out brilliantly in the evening sky and very high above the horizon. Its very purposeful flight would indicate, I think, that it was being piloted and the length of time in which it was motionless would suggest that it was engaged in reconnaissance of the coast.

After having read your challenging book, *Flying Saucers*, I was rather intrigued to have such an experience as this and thought I would describe it to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Elizabeth Hewitt*

(*Mrs. L. E. Hewitt*)



59 Munson Street,  
Greenfield, Mass.  
March 11, 1952.

Mr. Frank Skully,  
Hollywood, Calif.

Dear Mr. Skully:

I think you might be interested in the following experience which I had on the afternoon of February 20th. I had to go to Philadelphia and had boarded the New York train at the Greenfield station. It was about three o'clock or a little after. Since the train remained at the station for some 15 minutes, I sat rather idly looking out the window to the East and Southeast. The day was perfect, very clear, and not a cloud to be seen. There was little, if any, wind. Suddenly I was attracted to a flash of light like a reflection to the Southeast. I looked more carefully and then distinctly saw, at about 45 degrees, three shiny disks or globes. They were moving toward me at what appeared to be a rather casual pace. They flew in perfect formation, like an equilateral triangle, with one of the objects leading and two following. They appeared to be about half the apparent size of the moon when viewed at this position. I watched them for about 15 seconds as they rather slowly approached from the SE. Then I looked about me in the train to see if I could find a few fellow-witnesses. However a glance about me at people very busy talking together led me quickly to conclude that I would waste valuable time in an effort to get them looking out the window. So I quickly glanced back up at the sky. By now the objects had reached a position of about 80 or 85 degrees, almost to their zenith. I had to "crane" my neck a bit to be able to see them out the window. A few seconds after I picked them up again, I noticed the lead object appear to drop back toward the other two. Then all three turned and headed Eastward-- and now I really was amazed, for they turned on a burst of speed which caused them to dwindle to specks in the blue and disappear in about five or six seconds. They did not fly "down the sky" to the East, but rather seemed to fly straight away from me. It has puzzled me too, because when I first saw them at about 45 degrees and until they changed direction at 85 degrees, they seemed to maintain about the same size-- about half the apparent diameter of the moon. An aviator friend of mine tells me that this fact indicates that they were very high indeed and also very large. They showed no vapor or smoke trail of any kind and I could hear no noise. However, being in the car, I might have missed that. Still, if there had been a strange noise I think others on the platform would have looked up. And they did not. Apparently I was the only one to view them. The whole sighting episode lasted less than 45 seconds.

Cordially,  
*Albert H. Baller*  
"Hopple, The Hopper".

JOSEPH W. WECKER  
2515 LEHIGH LANE  
SAINT LOUIS CO. 14, MISSOURI

March 28th, 1952

Mr. Frank Scully  
Henry Holt Publishing Company  
257 North 4th Street  
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Scully:

Your book, "Behind The Flying Saucers", is without a doubt the most informative and fascinating book on the controversial subject of flying saucers that I have been able to locate. Please accept my sincere congratulations.

Although I am not a licensed pilot, my work in aviation for the past thirty years has aroused and has maintained in me a keen interest in air travel, both within our own atmosphere and outer space as well. Accordingly, I enjoyed your book immensely, especially since I believe you are dealing in facts.

I have personally seen the so-called flying saucer, both in bright daylight and at night. During my career in aviation I have seen many aircraft of strange design, but, please believe me, we do not have such an aircraft as I saw several years ago.

Due to my deep interest in aviation, I am gathering a collection of photographs and models of aircraft, from man's first attempted flight up to and including the jet age. This collection is to be displayed in my den.

*Whoops!*  
A part of my collection will be photographs of aviation notables. It goes without saying that such a collection would not be complete without a likeness of you. I would deem it a great honor if you would send me an autographed picture of yourself to be included in this collection.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

*Joseph W. Wecker*

You may be interested in knowing that a friend of mine is making a model of our conception of the flying saucer, to be included in my collection.

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